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January 7, 2004

Ms. Liane Randolph
Chair
Fair Political Practices Commission
428 J Street, Suite 800
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Randolph:

I am writing to urge the Commission to adopt the proposed emergency amendment for regulation 18531.6 and emergency regulation 18531.61 at your January 14th meeting.

Since the adoption of Proposition 34 by California voters, interpretation of Government Code Section 85316 has clearly caused problems. I applaud the Commissioners for your willingness to re-examine this issue.

Eliminating the ability of some officeholders with pre-Proposition 34 committees to raise contributions in unlimited amounts and in excess of net debt would enhance the integrity of Proposition 34.

While the staff has not recommended that committees be required to return funds already on hand that were raised in excess of the committee's net debt, I would ask that you consider such a requirement. But, setting that aside, your staff's current recommendations remain a major step in the right direction, and I urge you to adopt them.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ross Johnson".

ROSS JOHNSON
Senator, 35th District

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